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Reid Nelson, Director
Office of Federal Agency Programs
Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
401 F Street NW, Suite 308
Washington, D.C. 20001-2637

Dear Director Nelson:

On November 7, 2017, the Bureau of Land Management Price Field Office (PFO) received the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's (ACHP) review of the PFO's finding of "no adverse effect" for the December 2017 Price Field Office Oil and Gas Lease Sale located in Emery County, Utah. In this letter the ACHP states "it is the ACHP's advisory opinion that BLM has correctly applied the Criteria of Adverse Effect pursuant to 36 CFR § 800.5(a)(1)." At this time, I would like to thank the Council for their opinion and efforts in reviewing the documentation and correspondence associated with this undertaking. In light of the Council's agreement with the PFO's finding of effect, and in accordance with 36 CFR 800.5(c)(3)(B), BLM will proceed with a finding of "no adverse effect" for this undertaking.


A summary of the Price Field Office's decision is found on pages 21 and 22 of the Summary Report of Cultural Resources Inspection for the December 2017 Oil and Gas Lease Sale (cultural resource report), the BLM's letter to the SHPO dated June 26, 2017, and the letter to the ACHP dated October 12, 2017.

For reference, the presentation of the cultural resource report and its findings provided to the ACHP was made available to the consulting parties and the public through the ePlanning website associated with the project on October 30, 2017. The cultural resource report was mailed to consulting parties on March 24, 2017. Comments were received and the document was updated and resent to consulting parties on June 23, 2017.

A comprehensive consultation meeting was held with consulting parties on May 11, 2017. A consultation meeting with the Utah Tribe occurred on April 17, 2017 and with the Hopi tribe on August 23, 2017.

If you have additional questions pertaining to this finding, please contact Nicole Lohman, Price Field Office Archaeologist, at (435) 636-3667 or nlohman@blm.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chris Conrad", is written over the printed name.

Chris Conrad
Field Manager